

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 7, 11, and 14 are amended. Claims 10, 16-20, and 26-34 are canceled without prejudice. New claims 36-46 are added. Claims 1-9, 11-15, 21-25, and 35-46 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6, 21-25, and 35 stand allowed.

Claims 10-14 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 10 depends from claim 7. As part of this Response, claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 is in condition for allowance. Given that claims 8, 9, and 11-15 depend from claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8, 9, and 11-15 are likewise in condition for allowance at least because of their dependency on claim 7.

New Claims

New claims 36-46 are added.

New claims 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42 are similar to claims 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14, respectively. However, claims 36-42 are directed to one or more computer-readable media whereas claims 7-9 and 11-14 are directed to methods. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 36-42 are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 7-9 and 11-14, respectively.

New claims 43, 44, 45, and 46 are similar to claims 21, 22, 23, and 24, respectively. However, claims 43-46 are directed to one or more computer-readable media whereas claims 21-24 are directed to methods. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 43-46 are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 21-24, respectively.

35 U.S.C. § 102

As part of this Response, the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 have either been canceled or amended (or had their parent independent claims amended) to include elements indicated to be allowable, as discussed above. These cancellations and amendments have been made in order to expedite issuance of the allowed and allowable claims. These cancellations and amendments have not been made to overcome, and should not be interpreted as having been made to overcome, the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuation applications.

Applicant respectfully requests that the §102 rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Claims 1-9, 11-15, 21-25, and 35-46 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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